

## **Celebrating our Capstone Students in Social Psychology**

A warm welcome and happy reading of the sixth issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology (MUJSP)!

The 2025 editorial team includes returning Editor-in-Chief Ayma Iqbal, as well as returning Assistant Editor Paula Sheron Queiroz. Ayma and Paula are joined by new Assistant Editor Kathryanna Peacock, Graphic Designer Lia Icasiano, and Layout Editors Khushi Goyal and Teodora Uilecan. A very warm welcome and huge thanks to this incredible team! This year, Christina Doan (Co-Assistant Editor), Chelsea Zhang (Layout Editor), and Julia Duguid (Graphic Designer) departed the team. The entire MUJSP team sends best wishes and thanks to all former MUJSP editorial members, continued thanks to returning editorial board members, and extends a warm welcome to all new editorial members of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology!

This was an odd year as I was on a research leave for part of the 2024/2025 academic year, which made it impossible to teach the 6-unit capstone thesis course. This marked the first time in over a decade that I was not the course instructor and thesis supervisor – it was quite a transition to not teach the course in the past academic year! However, I am very happy to continue to serve as Faculty Advisor and learn about the fascinating research conducted by the students in the capstone course in the 2024/2025 academic year, supervised and mentored by Dr. Kiersten Dobson, CLA in Social Psychology.

I hope you enjoy reading the fascinating social psychological research studies featured in the sixth issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology. As always, the collection of work in this publication showcases the academic excellence and achievements of the students in the Social Psychology Program. The entire editorial board should be commended for their hard work and dedication to the publication of the fifth issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology. I continue to be honoured to work, as Faculty Advisor, alongside intelligent, motivated, dedicated, and inspirational students: Ayma, Paula, Kathryanna, Khushi, Lia, and Teodora, who serve as editorial board members this year, along with the groups who were eligible for publication this year. Congratulations to all involved in the publication of the sixth issue of the McMaster Undergraduate Journal of Social Psychology!

Sincerely and with best wishes,

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